



**Patch High School student Danielle Grigsby interviews tennis professional Alexandra Stevenson Oct. 7. Stevenson spoke to PHS students during a day off from a Women's Tennis Association tournament in nearby Filderstadt.**

## Tennis pro visits PHS

Story & photos by Melanie Casey

Alexandra Stevenson keeps her promises. When the 21-year-old tennis star visited Patch High School last year shortly after defeating Jennifer Capriati in a tournament in nearby Filderstadt, she vowed she'd be back.

On Oct. 7, she made good on that promise.

Stevenson, along with her mother and manager Samantha Stevenson, stopped by Patch High School to visit with students, answer questions and pose for pictures.

In town again for the Filderstadt tournament, Stevenson also attends the University of Colorado via online classes. A sophomore, she expects to graduate in 2006 with a degree in sociology.

"You have to be very disciplined," Stevenson said about juggling studies and life on tour. "You have to really balance everything."

She addressed an assembly of PHS students, telling them, "tennis teaches you a lot about life. You



**Tennis professional Alexandra Stevenson speaks to students in the PHS gymnasium Oct. 7.**

learn to depend on yourself and be an individual."

The PHS students were enthusiastic about their guest. Stevenson even received a marriage proposal from one student, but she politely turned him down.

She left the PHS students with this advice: "Stay true to yourself, believe in yourself and you can do whatever you want to do."

## Fall Homecoming 2003



**Patch running back Joshua Rohr (right) awaits an option pitch from quarterback Chris Keith (#3) during the "bonus" third quarter of PHS's 42-0 homecoming romp over Aviano.**



## Big win highlights homecoming week

Story & photos by Hugh C. McBride

According to the old sports saying, it ain't over 'til it's over. Well, this time it was.

Because of a Department of Defense Dependents Schools' "mercy rule," officials declared the Oct. 7 Patch High School homecoming football game against Aviano finished after two quarters of play. PHS's 42-0 half-time lead was recorded as the final score.

As junior varsity players suited up for a bonus third quarter, members of the 2003 homecoming court walked beneath the crossed swords of the PHS Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps honor guard to be introduced to the crowd.

The court was composed of freshman Sarah Watson and Howard Barker; sophomores Kim Knowles and Blaire Wagner; juniors Sophia Bonano and David Kennedy; and seniors Brianne Gemeinhardt, Alex Riccio, Kelsey Russell and Josh Anderson.

Aaron Griffin and Jodi Moscone presided over the festivities as king and queen.

**[Top Left] Homecoming court member Josh Anderson and his escort, Koral Vowell, walk beneath the crossed swords of the PHS JROTC honor guard.**

**[Bottom Left] PHS defenders stop an Aviano runner in the backfield during the second quarter.**



**The PHS cheerleaders entertain the crowd during halftime of Patch's 42-0 homecoming victory over Aviano Oct. 4 on Panzer Kaserne.**